

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Initially, Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for conducting an interview with Applicant's representative, Dominic S. Lindauer, on January 7, 2009.

Without conceding the propriety of the rejections, several proposed claim amendments were discussed during the interview. Applicant's representative understood the Examiner to tentatively agree that the claims, amended as proposed during the interview, would be allowable over at least the references of record. Accordingly, Applicant herein amends claims 9 and 17 in the manner discussed during the interview.

Claims 9, 12-14, 16-18 and 20 are believed to be allowable for at least the reasons discussed during the interview.